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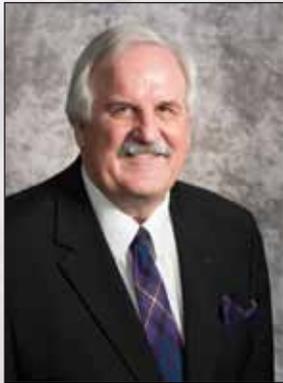
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From the Northeast Corner

Focusing on Lessons and Obligations

Spring is a time for renewal. Spring is my favorite time of the year. Spring offers a time to reflect on what we as a Valley want to accomplish in the coming year. I

would like each one of you to reflect on what the Scottish Rite is. What is it that makes Scottish Rite Freemasonry unique?



Our vision: "We will strive to be a Fraternity that fulfils our Masonic obligation to care for our members." What does that mean to you? What are your Masonic obligations? I want you to reflect on those

lessons you have learned in participating in the degrees from one to 32. Those lessons and obligations are very real. They are there to make you a better father, son, and brother.

We focus on membership development, build-ings, events, plays, and many other things. What we need to focus on are the lessons and obligations. If we do we will become what we tell society we are. When we do that we will have many men of good character knocking at our door.

See you at the Rite!

Rodney A Mann
Executive Director

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'Round the Rite



Almoner's Fund Softens a Terrible Disaster

Two days before the birth of her child, Kat Zuhlke greatly received an act of Masonic charity that demonstrates the beauty of the fraternity in general and the Scottish Rite in particular.

The Scottish Rite's mission to our Masonic obligation to our brethren, their widows, and children was fulfilled when Ill Paul C St Pierre, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Indianapolis Valley (seated left) presented the wife of our deceased brother, Steven A Zuhlke, with a generous check from the Scottish Rite Grand Almoner's Fund. Also attending the presentation were Trustees Ill Jerry B Maple, 33°, and Ill Jerry B Collins 33°, Jim Dillman, Thrice Potent Master, and Ill Jon MB Porter, 33° (not shown).

Brother Steve lost his life in a fire in his home two weeks ago and Kat is due to give birth to their first child in the next couple of days. We all overcome with grief at the loss of our esteemed brother. Our love, compassion, and prayers for

Kat and the baby will never cease and the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis takes solace from this opportunity to provide for some of their material needs.

We wish to thank our Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton, 33° and the Supreme Council staff and Deputy for Indiana, Ill Gail Kemp, 33° for their assistance in providing and expediting this gift. For more information on how you can help with a tax deductible contribution to the Grand Almoner's Fund, please visit <http://scottishritenmj.org/development>.

This fund is administered by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and is designed to provide quick, meaningful, and no-strings-attached relief to a brother or family of a brother who has suffered tragedy or circumstance that creates immediate financial distress.

Please remember Kat and Baby Z in your prayers.

Trustees Make Repairs and Enhancements with Space Utilization Study

by Ill Jerry B Collins, 33° - Trustee

The Trustees of the Indianapolis Valley and the Building and Grounds Committee have been hard at work these past six months with a variety of inside projects to keep our Cathedral in tip-top shape along with some new construction projects to enhance the viability of the building to our members as well as outside groups who rent the building for special events.

The Members Room, located on the mezzanine level just outside of the Double Eagle Café, is now open with the addition of several TVs yet to be installed. Come and play pool or just relax. New door hardware for all exterior doors was ordered at a cost of \$17,499 to better secure our building. A new steam water heater became an emergency when the present heater sprung a big leak. This was due to be installed as of this writing at a cost of \$48,000.

The Banquet Hall is getting some needed attention in two big areas: plumbing and sound. A source of complaints for years in these two areas has caused a serious look at providing bathrooms on that level as well as rethinking and designing a sound system that will allow everyone to hear music and speakers with great clarity. We hired an engineering company to evaluate how to properly equip the unusual size and acoustics of the room and then use state-of-the-art equipment so that every member can hear clearly in any seat on the floor. After seeing the digital graphs it is no wonder that some areas were flooded with sound while others could hear nothing but echoes. This new sound system will be installed this summer at a cost of more than \$80,000. Adding bathrooms on this floor is no easy task and hopefully will be completed this fall at a cost of around \$350,000.

Finally (for now), a lot of time and thoughtful consideration was given to a request by two Lodges to move their charters to our building. The Trustees recently completed a space utilization study to guide the Valley in the near term to help maximize our rental income as well as provide added benefit to our members. One room that is under-utilized is the museum on the third floor. The Trustees determined that this room is best suited to be transformed into a proper Blue Lodge room where at least four Lodges could meet and provide additional income to the Valley. Of course, the Grand Lodge must approve any such decision which has not yet been made. The museum will probably be relocated to an unused room on the second floor.

These projects are being funded from your generous donations to the Cathedral Foundation as we take the necessary steps to sustain and improve the life of our Cathedral for our members and our community. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this tax deductible foundation and call Steve Sonafrank at the Valley (317-262-3123) for more information on how you can help.



8th Annual Dyslexia Center Ladies Tea Set for April 30

*Jim Keating, English Dept, Butler University
Chairman of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis*

At the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis we provide high quality multi sensory reading and written language tutorial services for children with dyslexia, an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way children learn



to read and speak as well as how they process things mathematically. The positive impact on the lives of the children who receive one-on-one individualized tutoring at our center is enormous. Services are provided without cost to families and all children diagnosed with dyslexia are welcome without regard to religion, race, ethnic background, school district, or Masonic affiliation.

The cost to tutor one child a year is approximately \$5000. One of the ways we cover these expenses is by fund raising. Our most popular event is the annual Ladies Tea. This year the tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. Please mark

your calendar and encourage your spouse, neighbors, and ladies with whom you work to attend. In addition to a fine lunch there is a bazaar and silent auction. And this year, as an added attraction, a few unique items will be auctioned in a live auction hosted by our director's husband Frank Bohannon, a licensed auctioneer.

For information about the tea, please contact the Children's Dyslexia Center at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Director Julie Bohannon will be happy to provide further information by contacting her at: directorcdcoi@gmail.com or by calling (317)262-3115 Visit our website at www.cdcoi.org. Thanks to all of the members of the Indianapolis Valley for your unwavering support.



The text of the poster: "My name is Erin. I am dyslexic. Before I found out, I used to cry in my pillow at night thinking I was stupid. Then I found out what dyslexia is and that I'm not stupid! I, just learn differently! Please vote for this bill!"

State Representative Woody Burton, 33rd, who is a member of the Indianapolis Children's Dyslexia Center Board of Governors, provided this picture of Erin. She met lawmakers at the Indiana Statehouse to urge passage of legislation that would help diagnose dyslexia. The bill passed and was signed into law.

Marketplace Opens - 9 am

Silent Auction - 10-12:30

Fashion Show - 12:45

**Tickets \$35
317-262-3104**



Thanks for the Memories

*by Dale Wheatley, Most Wise Master,
Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix*

The legendary Bob Hope always closed his performances with a song "Thanks for the Memories." As this is my last article for the *Double Eagle* as Most Wise Master I want to thank all for the memories. My Scottish Rite experience



started as a small boy going to the Cathedral for the Christmas parties with my father and grandfather and who were members of the Valley. My journey as a 32nd degree

Mason started in the fall of 1992. The degrees were very inspirational but the 18th stood out the most for me. I give thanks to Ill William H Woodruff, III, 33° who presided over this degree and who inspired me with his version of the story of the cross, along with his officers who first introduced those guiding virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Love. I would have never thought from that day that fourteen years later I would be asked to become a Rose Croix Officer, and thanks to Ill Gregory A Chiles, 33° for having the confidence in me which literally changed my life.

Being an officer for the past 10 years has been a fulfilling experience and I hope that with my fellow Presiding Officers have cemented a solid future for our members and our Valley. We could not have done it without the help of the Executive Directors Ill Jeffrey K Saunders, 33° and Ill Rodney A Mann, 33° for these two brothers do more than one can imagine, so thank you brothers.

As members of the largest Valley in the world, we have been fortunate to

have one of the greatest jewels in Masonry, our Cathedral. As one of our greatest assets it is the largest financial burden on our Valley and all of us should thank the past as well as our current Trustees: Ill Paul C St Pierre, 33°, Ill Jerry B Maple, 33°, Ill Jerry B Collins, 33° and Ill Nathan C Brindle, 33° for their insight and commitment to maintain such a beautiful building.

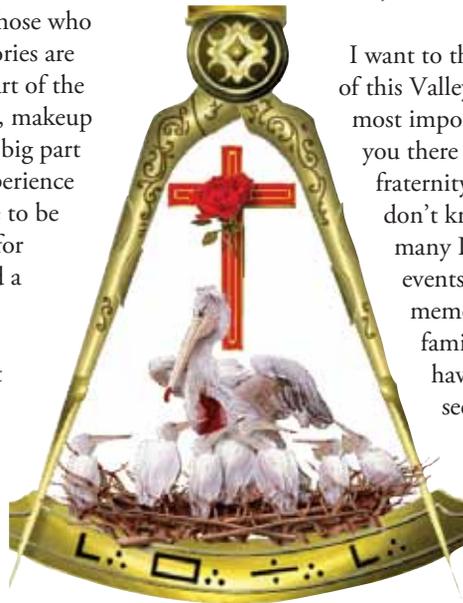
Memories are made by the events that the fraternity provides to the membership such as the Christmas and Halloween parties for the children. Some of the best music performances are by our very own Chorus and Orchestra members. Plays, dinners, dances, game nights and more are the foundation to build memories for those who attend. Other memories are formed by being a part of the stage crew, wardrobe, makeup - all of which plays a big part of giving the best experience for those who choose to be active members and for those who just attend a few events.

For the past 10 years my greatest memories have been formed with my fellow Rose Croix Officers, who have become more like family than friends. We are brothers who take our responsibilities as officers seriously to serve the membership of this Valley. We support each other in time of need, we play and joke with one another, we get together beyond Scottish Rite events along with our wives or girlfriends to enjoy a simple night out. It has been my privilege and honor to serve under the leadership of these Past Most Wise Masters: Ill

Gregory A Chiles, 33°, Ill Timothy J Hopewell, MSA, 33°, Ill Michael W Klepper, 33°, and my brother Ill Randolph L Seipel, MSA, 33°.

I have been blessed to have as my officers for the last two years a group of dedicated brothers to whom I will always be grateful. Don R Reynolds, Steve J Sonafrank, Eric J Vermeulen, Christopher M Hinshaw, Matthew A Bryant and L Thomas Cooper. Thank you my brothers.

I want to thank the key players in membership: Ill Richard D Purcell, 33°, Ill Thomas A Fallis, 33°, Ill Randolph L Seipel, MSA, 33° and W Dirk Rader, MSA.



I want to thank the membership of this Valley for you are the most important part. Without you there would be no fraternity. Most of you I don't know personally, but many I have seen at our events as you build your memories with your family and friends and I have a sincere hope to see you in the future.

It has truly been an honor to serve you as Most Wise Master and again thanks for the memories.

The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Members of Ellettsville Lodge 245 portrayed the 10th Degree at the December Stated Meeting with Lodge Line officer Bill Ludlow (center back row) presiding. Other Scottish Rite officers on stage were Cullen McCarty (center) and Ill Gary Brinley, 33°, Valley Treasurer (far left front row). Ellettsville has put on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th degrees during the past 10 years.

Brother to Brother Program

by Jim Dillman, Thrice Potent Master

The Valley of Indianapolis has initiated a new program called Brother to Brother -- a calling program that was formulated in the Valley of Fort Wayne, where it was a huge success. The Supreme Council has adopted the program and is now being used throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The concept of Brother to Brother is simple: every Scottish Rite member in every valley will receive a telephone call from a valley member. The frequency of the calls will depend on the size of the individual valley's membership. Many of the valleys will contact their members annually. In some of the larger valleys like Indianapolis, the calls may be somewhat less frequent, but the goal is to communicate individually with every single member on a regular basis.

These calls will serve only these purposes -- to check on the welfare of the brother and his family, to thank him for his membership, and to see if the valley can be of service in any way. These are NOT solicitation calls. This is designed to personally

interact with our members and to demonstrate our commitment to further the Scottish Rite mission: to strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.

These personal calls are being made by members of various groups within the Valley of Indianapolis such as the officers of the four presiding bodies, Knights of St Andrew, 33rd Degree, and MSA recipients. Calls in the Valley of Indianapolis will begin this month and continue throughout the year. Of course, it is not necessary for you to wait on a call from us if you have a need. If the Valley of Indianapolis can be of service to you in any way, please call the office (317-262-3100) or contact a Scottish Rite officer.



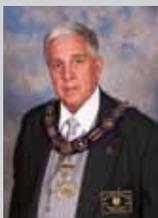


A few of our members prepare their costumes for the November Convocation down in the dressing room. From left to right: Bruce Frazer, Steve Mech, Robbie Switzer, D J Wood, Hank Schull, Rex Sohn, MSA, and Ill Paul Page, 33°.

Tour Guides Needed at Valley

Always one of the most active groups in the membership, the Tour Committee logged nearly 1,300 volunteer hours in 2011 providing tours of our historic Cathedral. Tour Chairman John C Schwegman reported that over 3,500 visitors were escorted including guests from 42 states and 29 foreign countries. A special treat this year was hosting three grandchildren of the Cathedral architect, Ill George Schreiber, 33°.

This dedicated group is always looking for more members to their committee. They are an enthusiastic group who love to show their pride in our Scottish Rite Cathedral. Tours are available 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of each month. Contact the Valley office if you would like more information on becoming a Tour Guide.



Grand Master's One-Day Class

In honor of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Indiana, William A Reiners

Hosted by Indpls Valley Scottish Rite

"Valley District Degree Day"

Indianapolis Scottish Rite Valley - Indpls, IN

Fri & Sat, April 8 & 9

Following the conclusion of the Master Mason degree, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis will confer the 4°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 24°, & 32°. **Note:** All Candidates for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry will need to have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility. The mentor will need to bring the apron, Bible and Monitor for each of his candidates. As a reminder, candidates for this class must have been elected prior to April 8, 2016. Contact Rick Purcell for registration at rpurcell@aaas-indy.org or 317-262-3122.

Schedule of Events

Friday

4-6 PM Registration of Candidates

7 PM Entered Apprentice degree

Fellowcraft degree

Saturday

8 AM Master Mason degree

Scottish Rite Degrees to follow - 4°, 14°, 18°, 31°, and 32°

Shrine Ceremonial to follow

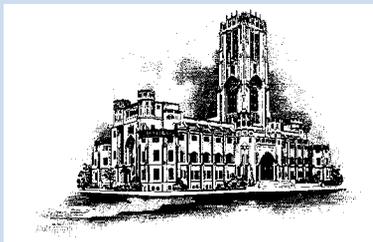
Lunch is FREE for Scottish Rite candidates and members

Reminder: Petitions for candidates must be read in Lodge one month prior to voting. Plan ahead so your non-Masonic friends can take advantage of this spring conferral of degrees.

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To the Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis

Date _____

I, _____, (Print name in Full) respectfully show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of your honorable body, and humbly request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the brethren. In making this application, I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable Body, I subscribe to the following Oath of Fealty:

“I, the undersigned, do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance, and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees. “That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council, or from a Supreme Council recognized by it, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor. “And should I violate, this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn. “And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen.”

EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

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Month, Day, Year City

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Street City State

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Occupation _____
Give Details

Firm Name _____ Business Address _____

I have never before petitioned for the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

I am now a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M. located at _____ City
Please attach a copy of your current lodge dues

The Rules and Regulations provide A petition for the degrees shall be signed by the applicant s own hand, and by one member of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, who shall certify to his personal acquaintance with the petitioner and his qualifications for membership.

Recommended by: (Please PRINT or TYPE)

Rite No. _____

Resident of _____ County

I am “Bringing a Buddy”, his name is:

Attention Petitioner: Please Complete the information below:

I have personally read the foregoing petition and, in testimony of my full understanding thereof, have with my own hand affixed my signature thereto.

Signed: _____
First Middle Last
Initials are NOT sufficient

MAILING ADDRESS

Print Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____
Spouse’s Name: _____

Qualifications and Requirements for Membership

An applicant for the Degrees must be . . .

A Master Mason, 18 years of age or older, in good standing in a regular Symbolic Lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana.

A resident of the State of Indiana for one year and within the jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Indianapolis, IN for 6 months.

Applicant must be recommended by at least one member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Indianapolis, IN, who is in good standing and personally acquainted with the applicant.

Applicant must present themselves to receive the degrees within two (2) years from the date this application is received.

No. _____

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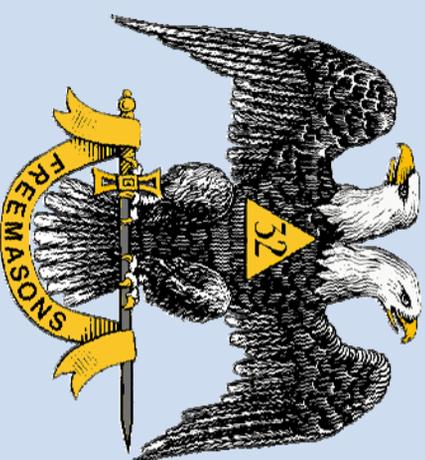
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to become a 32° Mason

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Scottish Rite Lessons for Life in 32 Degrees

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- Holiday Events for the Entire Family
- Concerts
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- Plays/Entertainment
- Children's Parties
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- And . . . Much More

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32° Masons

Tom's Membership Corner

The Graduate Course of Freemasonry

"I won't join right now, because I don't want to join anything until I can be involved." Or, "I will join when I get



Tom Fallis, 33°
Membership Director

done going through the chairs in my Lodge." These are the two excuses that I hear most from Brothers when traveling through our jurisdiction. They are valid excuses, but I think they are primarily just that -- excuses. The Scottish Rite is the best organization to join that rebuffs both of these reasons not to join.



whole, all by using Biblical and historical characters as the basis for each lesson taught. It is my opinion, but I know that Scottish Rite Masons make the best leaders in our fraternity and society as a whole. I don't make this argument because I am biased, but because the Scottish Rite is structured to make it so.

The Scottish Rite is the only Masonic body that builds on the lessons learned in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Nowhere else in the Fraternity can you find lessons based on the three tenants of Freemasonry and the four cardinal virtues. It is said that Masonry is a course in moral instruction. That being the case, then the Scottish Rite is the graduate course in the program.

Involvement in an organization is much more than just going through the chairs. If you look at it, for the most part, every Lodge only has one Brother join the progressive line each year, but many others are involved. From chairing a committee, to working a fish fry, or helping cook a meal for the monthly Stated Meeting, Brothers are taking part in making their Lodge a success. Involvement does not have to take a lot of time, unless you make a conscious effort for it to be time consuming.

We were all admonished to seek further light. The Scottish Rite is that further light. It is the advanced tutorial in what is important to all Masons: making good men better. I invite you to help me find Master Masons to enroll in what we have to offer -- "Lessons for life in 29 degrees."

The Scottish Rite, much like the Lodge, only has one person join each of our four officer lines every one or two years. However, we have activities that are entertaining for the whole family. Membership plays, the Purdue Glee Club, Children's Halloween/ Christmas Parties are just naming a few of the perks of your membership. Membership in the Knights of St Andrew is a great way to be involved in "your own time." The KSA are asked to assist with various events from parking cars, to working security, or working on stage and off during our Convocation/ Reunions. Being involved in the Scottish Rite can be a fun, family time. We hold Stated Meetings 10 months out of the year and there is something at each meeting for you to enjoy. Whether it involves degree work, dinner, or lectures, we make sure every meeting is worth your while to attend. Attendance is never mandatory, just attend when you can and when the subject interests you.



Proud Papa Fred Catron brought his two sons, Seth and Adam, into the Indianapolis Valley for our November Convocation and Reunion. Fred is Tiler at Millersville 126 where he and his sons attend weekly.

Our 29 degrees are the perfect base for instruction for leadership in and out of the Fraternity. Each degree has at least one of the core values of the Scottish Rite associated with it. Our 29 degrees teach all of us how to interact with society as a

A Portrait of a Freemason

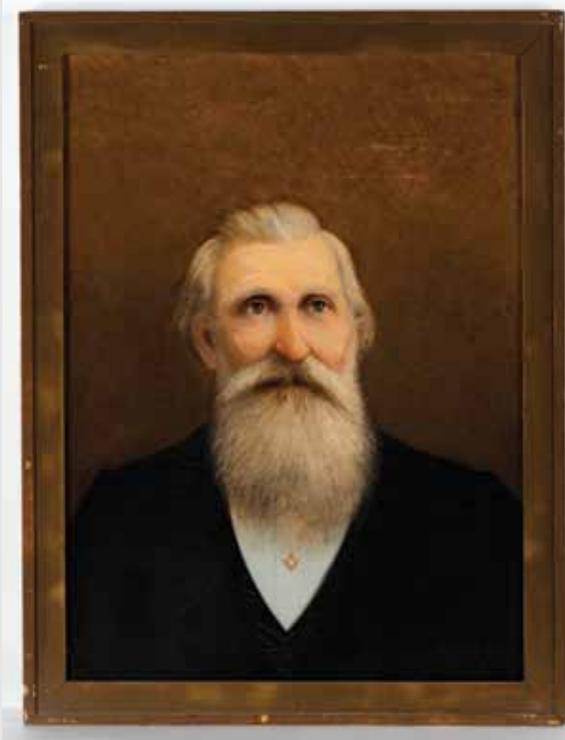
**Aimee E. Newell, Ph D,
Director of Collections
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum &
Library, Lexington, MA**

In our recent exhibition, “Every Variety of Painting for Lodges’: Decorated Furniture, Paintings and Ritual Objects from the Collection,” we included a few portraits from the collection showing men wearing jewelry or regalia that identified them as Masons. As we explained in the exhibition, sometimes these portraits marked personal achievements, like holding a lodge office, while other times they allowed the sitter to proclaim his affiliation with the fraternity as a valued part of his self-identity.

Recently, we acquired another portrait of a man wearing a simple black coat and white shirt, with a yellow pin at the center of his shirt – in the shape of a square and compasses symbol. Unfortunately, there was no information with the portrait about its provenance or the identity of the subject. We were interested in adding it to the collection because it showed the value this member placed on his Masonic activities. But, during the cataloging process, we noticed that the portrait is signed by its artist.

Artist Edward Hill (1843-1923) was born in England, but grew up in Massachusetts. He began his painting career in Gardner, Massachusetts, where he worked at the Heywood-Wakefield Company, and later moved to New Hampshire. In New Hampshire, Hill became a well-known landscape painter, part of the White Mountain school of artists. His brother Thomas was also part of this school. Edward Hill worked as a resident artist at some of the mountain resorts. This allowed him to increase awareness and sales of his work, while the hotel attracted visitors who wanted to see

an artist working. Toward the end of his life, Hill moved to Oregon where he died in 1923.



Massachusetts. In addition, Hill was a member of Union Royal Arch Chapter and of Burns Lodge 66 in Littleton (according to dues cards in a collection of family papers at the New Hampshire Historical Society). When he moved to Oregon, he joined Hood River Lodge 105 and Hood River Royal Arch Chapter 27.

We still don’t know who this subject was, but it seems quite possible that he was a Masonic brother of artist Edward Hill. For now, we are happy to add this portrait to our collection and to be able to tell the story of the value that artist and sitter both placed on their Masonic membership.

CAPTION FOR IMAGE:
Unidentified Man, 1896, Edward Hill (1843-1923), probably New Hampshire, collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, 2015.048. Photograph by David Bohl.

While it was exciting to discover that this portrait was painted by a known artist, it was even more exciting to discover that Edward Hill was a Mason himself! In Massachusetts, his membership record lists him as an “ornamental painter” and tells us that he was a member of Orange Lodge in 1872. He demitted from that lodge in 1879, probably because of his move to New Hampshire. Hill remained active in Freemasonry in New Hampshire. The records at the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire list two Edward Hills: one joined Nashua’s Rising Sun Lodge 39 in 1870. The other joined Manchester’s Washington Lodge 61 in 1873. It seems likely that the artist Edward Hill was the man who belonged to Rising Sun Lodge 39. That lodge is also listed on his membership card in



The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library is pleased to present an exhibition about the history of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, opening this summer (see our website, www.nationalheritagemuseum.org, for more information). The lectern will be one of the objects on view. The exhibition will be up for at least a year, so start planning your visit now. If you have any Scottish Rite objects that you would like to donate to the Museum & Library’s collection, please contact Aimee E Newell, Ph D, Director of Collections, anewell@monh.org or 781-457-4144.



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Shotgun Start: 12:30

Dinner following the event



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Coming "Rite" Up

20th Degree Premier

The long-awaited premier of the 20th Degree -- also known as the George Washington Degree -- will be shown on **Wednesday, April 13** in the theatre of the Indianapolis Valley immediately following the Stated Meeting. The Stated Meeting has been pushed back one week due to an important outside event requiring the rental of the entire building. The 20th Degree was filmed in



Indianapolis in April of last year in Freemasons' Hall that required five days of shooting and a cast of more than 40 brothers from Indianapolis. We hope you will attend this highly anticipated release.

500 Parade Festival

Saturday, May 28 – 12 noon. The Scottish Rite is offering reserved seats on the Meridian Street steps for its members for the annual 500 Festival Parade. Tickets are \$25 per person and include parking on the West lot, reserved seats, and a box lunch with drink. Tickets are limited to 12 per member. Take advantage of this great opportunity to see all the floats, bands, and drivers from a great vantage point.



Meetings & Degrees

Join us for the Annual Meeting and Elections on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm. On **Wednesday, June 1**, the Valley will portray the 9th Degree for all members. Bring your passports for authentication. The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner at 5:30 pm and Washington's Retreat will open for refreshments and snacks following the meeting. This is a great time to fellowship with a couple hundred of your friends and members.



Orchestra & Chorus



On **Sunday, May 1 at 3 pm** the Scottish Rite Orchestra and Chorus will entertain. Tickets are FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to these events.

April 8-9 Grand Master's Class

Fri, April 8 4 pm Registration
 5 pm Dinner Double Eagle Café
 7 pm EA & FC Degrees

Sat, April 9 8 am Master Mason Degree

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees
 10:30 am 4° Master Traveler
 14° Grand Elect Mason

Lunch

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree
 1:15 pm 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees
 2:30 pm 31° Knight Aspirant
 32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

5 pm Murat Shrine
 Ceremonial

Sonafrank Tapped to Direct Valley's Development Office of Cathedral Foundation

On March 1, 2016, Brother Steven Sonafrank became Director of Development for the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. Prior to this appointment, Steve served as Fund raising Associate for the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation since 2012.



A fifth-generation Hoosier, Steve grew up in Bunker Hill, IN. He is a graduate of Maconaquah High School and holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from Indiana University Bloomington.

Steve began his working career as an English teacher and speech coach at Maconaquah, coaching his speech team to a state championship and individual students to national tournament competition.

Steve is no stranger to the Indianapolis Valley. Shortly after joining the Rite with the Spring 2002 class, he began playing trombone with the Scottish Rite Orchestra, where he continues to play. He also serves on both the Publication and Music Committees. He has been an active participant in many degrees over the years.

In 2010, he was appointed by Ill Michael W Klepper, 33° to serve in the Rose Croix officer line, where he currently serves as Junior Warden.

He was raised a Master Mason in the former Bunker Hill Lodge 683 in 2002 and elected Worshipful Master of that Lodge for three consecutive years in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Now an active member of Millersville Lodge 126 in Indianapolis, Steve particularly enjoys mentoring new Masons. He has been awarded honorary memberships to several Lodges.

He served the Grand Lodge of Indiana as Grand Steward and Tyler in 2006-07. Also in 2006-07, he accepted an appointment to serve as an Indiana Masonic Home board member. Steve is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Estonia. He continues to serve the Grand Lodge on various committees.

Steve's other Masonic affiliations include Murat Shrine, Sahara Grotto, Prospect Chapter 452 OES, and Indianapolis High Twelve Club 722, where he currently serves as First Vice President.

Outside the Masonic fraternity, Steve is a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association, Past President of the Indiana University Marching Hundred Alumni Band Board, past board member of Epworth Forest Choir School, and past elder of Irvington Presbyterian Church. He is attempting to learn piano and enjoys long-distance cycling (a relative term given his age) with several of his Millersville Lodge brethren. Steve met his future wife, Jennifer Long, when they were both members of the Indiana University Marching Hundred. They have been married since June 1, 1996, and reside in Indianapolis with Annie, their rambunctious Jack Russell terrier. Together, they enjoy train travel, the beach, dining out, and time spent with family and friends.

We welcome Steve to this important position as we continue to care for our beloved Cathedral and protect it for all the future ages to come.



At this year's Rose Croix Officers line dinner, Senior Warden Don Reynolds presented outgoing Most Wise Master Dale Wheatley with a beautiful stained glass panel of the red rose of the Rose Croix on a white cross.

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*by Illustrious Russ A Murphy, 33°
Past Most Wise Master and Past Trustee*

More than 50 years ago I joined the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite has helped me

grow as a person and develop skills that have been a great help to me for what is now several decades. It has been my privilege to serve the Scottish Rite in various positions:

- Chairman of the Membership Development Committee. Here I learned how good it was to set goals and then exceed those goals. Our goal in

1976 was to receive 1776 petitions. I served as the leader for Membership Development and we exceeded our goal by 234 petitions for a total of 2,010.

- The Rose Croix Line. I have served all stations in the Rose Croix line to become the Most Wise Master. This included the honor of serving as a Trustee of the Valley for six years.

- The Tour Guide Committee. I now serve on the Tour Guide Committee. This affords me an opportunity to inform visitors regarding the beauty of our Great Cathedral and the service of our Fraternity.

A wise man once said that service to our fellow man is the price we all owe to pay the rent on the space we occupy while we are traveling here on earth. I want to see that my rent is paid, and I will continue to serve in whatever capacity I'm called upon. I look back over my years of service and I appreciate what it has meant. You might very well say that service is my legacy.

But wait! I recently asked myself, "Now what?" My resounding answer is, "Leave a mark that will continue through the coming years." That led me to revise my will and include a generous gift to the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Please join with me

and include the Scottish Rite in your will so that our Great Cathedral will continue to prosper and be for others what it has been for you and me.

From my perspective, any time is a good time to give, since our work flourishes with ongoing support from generous donors like you. From your perspective, however, there may indeed be a "best time" to give. Every gift matters because each gift makes a difference to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. We are developing a long-term strategy that will secure the future of our Cathedral for generations of Scottish Rite Brothers and friends. Your support makes it possible for us to invest in our Cathedral.

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